

**U.S. District Court  
Southern District of New York (Foley Square)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-05483-RA**

American Civil Liberties Union et al v. United States  
Department Of Justice et al  
Assigned to: Judge Ronnie Abrams  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 06/12/2019  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
06/12/2019	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against Department Of Justice, Office of Justice Programs. (Filing Fee \$ 400.00, Receipt Number ANYSDC-17068117)Document filed by American Civil Liberties Union, American Civil Liberties Union Foundation. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C, # <u>4</u> Exhibit D, # <u>5</u> Exhibit E)(Hinger, Sarah) (Entered: 06/12/2019)
06/12/2019	<u>2</u>	CIVIL COVER SHEET filed. (Hinger, Sarah) (Entered: 06/12/2019)
06/12/2019	<u>3</u>	RULE 7.1 CORPORATE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT. No Corporate Parent. Document filed by American Civil Liberties Union.(Hinger, Sarah) (Entered: 06/12/2019)

06/12/2019	<u>4</u>	RULE 7.1 CORPORATE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT. No Corporate Parent. Document filed by American Civil Liberties Union Foundation.(Hinger, Sarah) (Entered: 06/12/2019)
06/12/2019	<u>5</u>	<b>FILING ERROR – DEFICIENT PLEADING – SUMMONS REQUEST FILER ERROR – REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF SUMMONS</b> as to Department of Justice, re: <u>1</u> Complaint,. Document filed by Department Of Justice. (Hinger, Sarah) Modified on 6/12/2019 (jgo). (Entered: 06/12/2019)
06/12/2019	<u>6</u>	REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF SUMMONS as to Office of Justice Programs, re: <u>1</u> Complaint,. Document filed by American Civil Liberties Union, American Civil Liberties Union Foundation. (Hinger, Sarah) (Entered: 06/12/2019)
06/12/2019	<u>7</u>	<b>FILING ERROR – DEFICIENT PLEADING – SUMMONS REQUEST As To – REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF SUMMONS</b> as to Department of Justice, re: <u>1</u> Complaint,. Document filed by American Civil Liberties Union, American Civil Liberties Union Foundation. (Hinger, Sarah) Modified on 6/13/2019 (pc). (Entered: 06/12/2019)
06/12/2019	<u>8</u>	NOTICE OF APPEARANCE by Joshua David Riegel on behalf of American Civil Liberties Union, American Civil Liberties Union Foundation. (Riegel, Joshua) (Entered: 06/12/2019)
06/13/2019		<b>***NOTICE TO ATTORNEY REGARDING PARTY MODIFICATION.</b> Notice to attorney Sarah Hinger. The party information for the following party/parties has been modified: Department Of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, American Civil Liberties Union, American Civil Liberties Union Foundation. The information for the party/parties has been modified for the following reason/reasons: party name contained a typographical error ; party role was entered incorrectly; party text was omitted; (pc) (Entered: 06/13/2019)
06/13/2019		<b>***NOTICE TO ATTORNEY REGARDING DEFICIENT CIVIL COVER SHEET.</b> Notice to attorney Sarah Hinger to RE–FILE Document No. <u>2</u> Civil Cover Sheet. The filing is deficient for the following reason(s): Civil cover sheet was not signed. (pc) (Entered: 06/13/2019)
06/13/2019		<b>***NOTICE TO ATTORNEY REGARDING CIVIL. CASE OPENING STATISTICAL ERROR CORRECTION:</b> Notice to attorney Sarah Hinger. The following case opening statistical information was erroneously selected/entered: Fee Status code due (due);. The following correction(s) have been made to your case entry: the Fee Status code has been modified to pd (paid); (pc) (Entered: 06/13/2019)
06/13/2019		CASE OPENING INITIAL ASSIGNMENT NOTICE: The above–entitled action is assigned to Judge Ronnie Abrams. Please download and review the Individual Practices of the assigned District Judge, located at <a href="http://nysd.uscourts.gov/judges/District">http://nysd.uscourts.gov/judges/District</a> . Attorneys are responsible for providing courtesy copies to judges where their Individual Practices require such. Please download and review the ECF Rules and Instructions, located at <a href="http://nysd.uscourts.gov/ecf_filing.php">http://nysd.uscourts.gov/ecf_filing.php</a> . (pc) (Entered: 06/13/2019)
06/13/2019		Magistrate Judge Debra C. Freeman is so designated. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Section 636(c) and Fed. R. Civ. P. 73(b)(1) parties are notified that they may consent to proceed before a United States Magistrate Judge. Parties who wish to consent may access the necessary form at the following link: <a href="http://nysd.uscourts.gov/forms.php">http://nysd.uscourts.gov/forms.php</a> . (pc) (Entered: 06/13/2019)
06/13/2019		Case Designated ECF. (pc) (Entered: 06/13/2019)
06/13/2019	<u>9</u>	ELECTRONIC SUMMONS ISSUED as to Office of Justice Programs. (pc) (Entered: 06/13/2019)
06/13/2019		<b>***NOTICE TO ATTORNEY REGARDING DEFICIENT REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF SUMMONS.</b> Notice to Attorney Sarah Hinger to RE–FILE Document No. <u>5</u> Request for Issuance of Summons, <u>7</u> Request for Issuance of Summons,. The filing is deficient for the following reason(s): the wrong filer/filers were selected for the request for issuance of summons; Party name on summons and docket entry must exactly match party name on complaint caption title

		<b>(United States Department of Justice);. Re–file the document using the event type Request for Issuance of Summons found under the event list Service of Process – select the correct filer/filers – and attach the correct summons form PDF. (pc)</b> (Entered: 06/13/2019)
06/13/2019	<u>10</u>	CIVIL COVER SHEET filed. (Hinger, Sarah) (Entered: 06/13/2019)
06/13/2019	<u>11</u>	REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF SUMMONS as to United States Department of Justice, re: <u>1</u> Complaint,. Document filed by American Civil Liberties Union, American Civil Liberties Union Foundation. (Hinger, Sarah) (Entered: 06/13/2019)
06/13/2019	<u>12</u>	NOTICE OF APPEARANCE by Christopher T Dunn on behalf of American Civil Liberties Union, American Civil Liberties Union Foundation. (Dunn, Christopher) (Entered: 06/13/2019)
06/13/2019	<u>13</u>	NOTICE OF APPEARANCE by Amy Belsher on behalf of American Civil Liberties Union, American Civil Liberties Union Foundation. (Belsher, Amy) (Entered: 06/13/2019)
06/13/2019	<u>14</u>	NOTICE OF APPEARANCE by Antony Philip Falconer Gemmell on behalf of American Civil Liberties Union, American Civil Liberties Union Foundation. (Gemmell, Antony) (Entered: 06/13/2019)
06/13/2019	<u>15</u>	NOTICE OF APPEARANCE by Jessica Perry on behalf of American Civil Liberties Union, American Civil Liberties Union Foundation. (Perry, Jessica) (Entered: 06/13/2019)
06/13/2019	<u>16</u>	ORDER: This case has been assigned to me for all purposes. Plaintiffs are directed to notify the Court when service has been executed on Defendants, after which the Court will promptly schedule an initial conference. SO ORDERED. (Signed by Judge Ronnie Abrams on 6/13/2019) (ama) (Entered: 06/13/2019)
06/14/2019	<u>17</u>	ELECTRONIC SUMMONS ISSUED as to United States Department of Justice. (dnh) (Entered: 06/14/2019)
06/14/2019	<u>18</u>	<b>FILING ERROR – DEFICIENT DOCKET ENTRY (SEE <u>19</u> Summons Returned Executed) –</b> SUMMONS RETURNED EXECUTED Summons and Complaint, served. Office of Justice Programs served on 6/14/2019, answer due 7/5/2019; United States Department of Justice served on 6/14/2019, answer due 7/5/2019. Service was accepted by Lisa Ahearn. Service was made by Mail. Document filed by American Civil Liberties Union; American Civil Liberties Union Foundation. (Belsher, Amy) Modified on 6/18/2019 (db). (Entered: 06/14/2019)
06/17/2019	<u>19</u>	SUMMONS RETURNED EXECUTED Summons and Complaint, served. Service was accepted by Lisa Ahearn, Civil Clerk Supervisor. Service was made by Mail. Document filed by American Civil Liberties Union, American Civil Liberties Union Foundation. (Belsher, Amy) (Entered: 06/17/2019)
06/26/2019	<u>20</u>	ORDER: Initial Conference set for 7/19/2019 at 12:30 PM in Courtroom 1506, 40 Foley Square, New York, NY 10007 before Judge Ronnie Abrams. SO ORDERED. (Signed by Judge Ronnie Abrams on 6/26/2019) (rj) (Entered: 06/27/2019)
07/01/2019	<u>21</u>	AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE of Order, ECF No. 20 served on United States Department of Justice and Office of Special Programs on 7/1/2019. Service was accepted by Lisa Ahearn, Civil Clerk. Service was made by Mail. Document filed by American Civil Liberties Union, American Civil Liberties Union Foundation. (Belsher, Amy) (Entered: 07/01/2019)
07/12/2019	<u>22</u>	JOINT LETTER addressed to Judge Ronnie Abrams from Counsel for Plaintiffs and Defendants, Jointly dated July 12, 2019 re: Joint Status Letter. Document filed by American Civil Liberties Union, American Civil Liberties Union Foundation.(Hinger, Sarah) (Entered: 07/12/2019)
07/15/2019	<u>23</u>	ANSWER to <u>1</u> Complaint,. Document filed by Office of Justice Programs, United States Department of Justice.(Cha–Kim, Stephen) (Entered: 07/15/2019)
07/19/2019		Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Ronnie Abrams: Initial Pretrial Conference held on 7/19/2019. (arc) (Entered: 07/19/2019)

08/02/2019	<u>24</u>	<b>FILING ERROR – WRONG EVENT TYPE SELECTED FROM MENU –</b> MOTION for Joshua David Riegel to Withdraw as Attorney for Plaintiffs. Document filed by American Civil Liberties Union, American Civil Liberties Union Foundation. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Affidavit Affirmation in Support of Motion to Withdraw as Counsel)(Riegel, Joshua) Modified on 10/8/2019 (db). (Entered: 08/02/2019)
08/05/2019	<u>25</u>	MEMO ENDORSED ORDER granting <u>24</u> Motion to Withdraw as Attorney. ENDORSEMENT: APPLICATION GRANTED. SO ORDERED. Attorney Joshua David Riegel terminated. (Signed by Judge Ronnie Abrams on 8/5/2019) (rj) Modified on 8/6/2019 (rj). (Entered: 08/05/2019)
08/09/2019	<u>26</u>	JOINT LETTER addressed to Judge Ronnie Abrams from Plaintiffs and Defendants dated August 9, 2019 re: joint status update. Document filed by American Civil Liberties Union, American Civil Liberties Union Foundation.(Hinger, Sarah) (Entered: 08/09/2019)
08/13/2019	<u>27</u>	ORDER: A telephone conference is hereby scheduled in this matter on August 14, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. The parties shall jointly call chambers at (212) 805–0162 at the appointed time. Telephone Conference set for 8/14/2019 at 02:00 PM before Judge Ronnie Abrams. (Signed by Judge Ronnie Abrams on 8/13/2019) (rj) (Entered: 08/13/2019)
08/14/2019		Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Ronnie Abrams: Telephone Conference held on 8/14/2019. (Court Reporter Steven Griffing) (arc) (Entered: 08/14/2019)
08/26/2019	<u>28</u>	LETTER addressed to Judge Ronnie Abrams from Stephen Cha–Kim dated 8/26/19 re: Government's Processing of FOIA Requests. Document filed by Office of Justice Programs, United States Department of Justice.(Cha–Kim, Stephen) (Entered: 08/26/2019)
10/24/2019		Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Ronnie Abrams: Telephone Conference held on 10/24/2019. (arc) (Entered: 10/24/2019)
11/22/2019	<u>29</u>	JOINT LETTER addressed to Judge Ronnie Abrams from Counsel for Plaintiffs and Defendants, Jointly dated November 22, 2019 re: Joint Status Update. Document filed by American Civil Liberties Union, American Civil Liberties Union Foundation.(Hinger, Sarah) (Entered: 11/22/2019)